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Ninth Circuit Selects Portland Judge for Bankruptcy Appellate Panel

SAN FRANCISCO – Chief Judge Mary M. Schroeder of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has announced the appointment of Bankruptcy Judge Randall L. Dunn of Portland to the Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel (BAP), which resolves appeals arising out of bankruptcy court decisions in nine western states and two Pacific Island jurisdictions.

Judge Dunn will succeed Bankruptcy Judge James M. Marlar of the District of Arizona, who is completing a seven-year term on BAP in July. The appointment was approved earlier this month by the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit, governing body for federal courts in the western states.

Judge Dunn was appointed to the bankruptcy bench of the District of Oregon in February 1998. He currently serves on the Conference Executive Committee, which plans the annual Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, and was previously chairman of the Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Judges Education Committee.

A native of Gary, Ind., Judge Dunn earned a B.A. with honors from Northwestern University in 1972, and a J.D. in 1975 from Stanford Law School, where he was articles editor of the *Stanford Law Review* and a member of the Moot Court Board.

Judge Dunn's legal career began in 1975 as an associate with the law firm of Berman and Giauque in Salt Lake City. In 1977, he joined the law firm of Copeland, Landye, Bennett and Wolf in Portland as an associate. He later became partner and managing partner of the firm before he was appointed bankruptcy judge.

Judge Dunn is the current treasurer-elect and the former secretary of the Board of Governors for the National Conference of Bankruptcy. In addition, he is a past chairman of the Federal Bar Association's Bankruptcy Section, and served three terms on the Executive Committee of the Oregon State Bar's Debtor-Creditor Section.

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Judge Dunn is a member of the editorial boards of the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal* and the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges' *Conference News*. He spent five years as editor-in-chief of the Federal Bar Association's newsletter *Bankruptcy Briefs*.

The BAP, which is based in the Richard H. Chambers United States Court of Appeals Building in Pasadena, heard 420 cases in 2005, which accounted for 55 percent of the appeals originating out of bankruptcy courts throughout the Ninth Circuit (district courts hear the remainder of the appeals). BAP judges are appointed by the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit. Other bankruptcy judges from around the circuit also serve on appellate panels on a pro tem basis.

The U.S. Courts for the Ninth Circuit consists of the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the federal district and bankruptcy courts in 15 judicial districts serving nine western states and two Pacific Island jurisdictions.

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